REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the above-amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The above application corresponds to an application originally filed in Japanese. The above amendment revises the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in US patent practice, and eliminate multiple dependent claims. None of the revisions in the amendment to the claims are intended to be more narrowing, and if anything, are intended to be broadening.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payments that may be due or credit any overpayment to Carstens & Cahoon, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney for applicant.

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